



Mattias Karls: CEO, Disruptive Materials

Mattias Karls, CEO, is one of the founders of Disruptive Materials together with Maria Strømme, Johan Gomez de la Torre and Sara Frykstrand.

A synopsis of Mattias achievements

Mattias completed a master's degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from Linköping University, Sweden, in 2000. Since this time he has gained considerable experience from both large and small companies honing his skills in business development and as an entrepreneur.

He started his career as the very first employee of IBX, the business-to-business e-commerce pioneer established in Stockholm in 2000. IBX was well regarded for its specialist services and IT solutions enabling more efficient purchasing. IBX expanded rapidly boasting some 300+ employees and 5 offices in Europe and USA when Cap Gemini acquired it in 2010.

After IBX, Mattias worked as project manager at the Swedish Trade Council in Chicago, supporting Swedish companies seeking to establish or grow their business in the U.S.

In 2007, Mattias founded his first own business called Applied Nano Surfaces, which specializes in optimizing performance by minimizing friction and wear in industrial systems and engines.

The technology the Company uses originally came from the well-known Ångström Laboratory in Uppsala, Sweden. Applied Nano Surfaces now has operations in Sweden, US and Germany and is funded by well-known investors BASF, 6th AP Fund, and FourierTransform.

The link to the Ångström Laboratory was more than coincidental. Four years later, in 2011, Upsalite®, a mesoporous magnesium carbonate, was discovered in the same laboratory. In 2013, Mattias co-founded Disruptive Materials together with his three partners named above. The initial focus of Disruptive Materials is to commercialize the world-record breaking material Upsalite®.

Mattias has always liked sports. He has competed in several marathons; has completed the challenging Vasaloppet, cross-country skiing race, several times; and has played volleyball in the second highest series in Sweden (Allsvenska).

In addition to business and sport, Mattias has been active in non-profit organizations, and also a part of the Swedish jury in Sweden's largest business plan competition called Venture Cup. He has also invested in several small start-up companies where he shares his experience from starting business and acts as mentor for the entrepreneurs.

Mattias lives in Stockholm with his wife and two daughters and likes to spend his time in his summerhouse in Dalarna, an old ferry port that dates back to the 17th century.

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